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Via First Class U.S. Mail

Carol M. Banaitis, R.F. Piedmont Operations Project Manager Department of the Army Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers B. Everett Jordan Dam and Lake P.O. Box 144 Moncure, North Carolina 27559 CIN: 150708

Re: Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) Project

Section 4(f) De Minimis Impacts Determination Concurrence

Dear Ms. Banaitis:

The Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority d/b/a/ Triangle Transit d/b/a GoTriangle (Triangle Transit), on behalf of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), writes to confirm receipt of the concurrence of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Wilmington District (USACE), as the official with jurisdiction over property owned by the federal government, with the *de minimis* impacts determinations made by the FTA for the Jordan Game Lands pursuant to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, codified at 23 U.S.C. § 138 and 49 U.S.C. § 303, (Section 4(f)) and implemented in 23 C.F.R. Part 774.

The USACE's written concurrence that the portion of the D-O LRT Project NEPA Preferred Alternative crossing Little Creek (Alternative C2A) is determined to have a *de minimis* impact on the government property provided the avoidance, minimization, mitigation, and enhancement measures are carried out as specified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is recognized by the FTA and constitutes satisfaction of the requirements of 23 C.F.R. § 774.5. Triangle Transit will continue to coordinate with Mr. Francis Ferrell, of the Jordan Lake staff, regarding completion of the USACE land use request process and the issuance of the easement.

We appreciate USACE's prompt review and concurrence with the FTA's *de minimis* determination and look forward to future coordination activities as the D-O LRT Project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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